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Serial No. **09/580,721**) Art Unit: **3735**
Filing Date: **MAY 30, 2000**)
For: **TROCAR SYSTEM HAVING**) Attorney Docket No.:
 SHIELDED TROCAR) **24039**

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicant in the above-referenced application respectfully requests a two-month time extension for filing the response to the Decision on Petition dated April 25, 2001. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. **01-0484** in the amount of \$195.00 for the two-month extension of time fee. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, or if any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. **01-0484**.

Respectfully submitted,

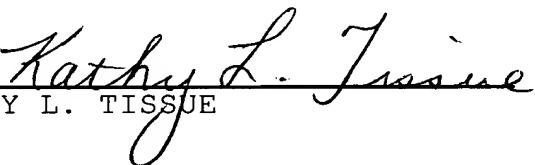
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